Statement

Pendency in Metros as on 28.7.2000

Sl. No.	Name of Regional Offices	Pending cases for more than 35 days		
		Police report not received & awaited	Police report received & documents completed"	Total (Col. 3+4)
1	2	3		4
1	Bangalore	280	..	355
2	Calcutta	3075	2935	6126
3	Chennai	0	0	0
4	Delhi	1697	5780	7477
5	Mumbai	13299	6754	20053
	TOTAL:	18451	16617	33088

An application is considered pending only when it is accurately completed without any objection and where a police report has been received but on which a passport has not been issued by a Passport Office within five weeks of the application being filed.

Need of IT Kiosks

2713. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs one million IT Kiosks in the next five years as suggested by the working group on IT for masses;

(b) if so, what are the other suggestions made; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) The Working Group of IT for Masses –

set up by Ministry of Information Technology has in its report recommended setting up of 1 million Kiosks in the country by the year 2008. This report is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) The other recommendations of the Working Group are as below:—

— Establish IT infrastructure in 60,000 schools over a period of five years.

— Web enabled citizen oriented Government services.

— Hundred million Internet connection and one million IT kiosks to enable a common man to have access to Internet/IT Services.

— No licences and controls for setting up IT infrastructure and services.

— Promote development of Indian Language content over Internet.

— To launch mass awareness campaign through IT Yatras and other program.

— To set up a IT Mission for 5 years to carry out the program recommended in the report and follow up other recommendations of the report.

— Compulsory IT literacy for Government recruitment.

— Earmarking upto 5% budget for IT induction in Government.

— State Government Portals to help rural artisans and entrepreneurs.

— Internet Portal for one point Government information and services.

— All Government information to be on internet.

— All Government Payment on Internet.

— Results of Public examination to be made available on Internet.

The Report is under consideration of the Government.